

## House Resolution No. 1177

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably answer the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

**Whereas**, William Higgins of Greenfield, Missouri, attained considerable distinction as a Master Sergeant in the Missouri National Guard, a leadership calling that he drew to a close in well-deserved retirement after thirty years of military service; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of Greenfield High School, William Higgins continued his education by attending Craft Vocational Technical School and Joplin Junior College; and

**Whereas**, in 1969 William Higgins was drafted into the United States Army for service in Vietnam as a UH-1 helicopter mechanic who earned the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

**Whereas**, in 1980 William Higgins joined the Missouri Army National Guard and served as a UH-1 Crew Chief, Aircraft Repairer, C-23 Flight Engineer, Platoon Sergeant for the Operations and Service Division, and Quality Control Technical Inspector; and

**Whereas**, in 1992 William Higgins became the first Missouri Guardsman qualified to fly in the AH-64 aircraft as a Crew Chief; and

**Whereas**, William Higgins received numerous awards throughout his career, including several Army Commendation Medals and Army Reserve Components Achievement Medals and the Master Aviation Badge; and

**Whereas**, the son of Jack and Mary Higgins and the husband of Elaine Higgins, William Higgins is justifiably proud also to be known as a federal technician who served as a Quality Control Aircraft Technical Inspector and retired after twenty-two years of employment:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Master Sergeant William Higgins of the Missouri National Guard and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to William Higgins of Greenfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Emery  
District No. 126

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1177, adopted March 19, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker